

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of October 11, 2006

September 27, 2006

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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD RULE: INITIAL  
READING 6Gx13- 5A-1.10, ATTENDANCE AREAS 2006-2007**

**COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

This item is submitted for consideration by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to amend Board Rule 6Gx13- 5A-1.10, Attendance Areas 2006-2007, to revise procedures for establishing school attendance boundaries for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.

In prior years, attendance boundaries were established by local committees focusing on space availability within the community. The challenge now is to comply with the additional mandate of Class Size Reduction while providing specific direction to communities as attendance boundaries are established for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.

In order to be compliant with constitutional requirements related to Class Size Reduction, 39,000 student stations have been added in the 2005-2006, 2006-2007 school years with an additional 53,700 student stations being built over the next two years. These student stations are being built to bring relief to specific schools for a specific number of students. To ensure that relief is provided to the intended schools, the revised procedures allow the Superintendent of Schools, with the assistance of School Operations and the Office of School Facilities, to develop proposed boundary recommendations. The proposed recommendations will be presented at Regional meetings to the affected school communities. The boundary recommendations will then be reviewed by the 17 Attendance Boundary Committee (ABC) members (representing School Board members, the Superintendent, the Diversity, Equity and Excellence Advisory Committee, the PTA/PTSA, and the Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities).

Attached are the Notice of Intended Action and the rule proposed for amendment. Changes from the current rule are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the amendment of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 5A-1.10, Attendance Areas 2006-2007.

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**RECOMMENDED:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 5A-1.10, Attendance Areas 2006-2007.

FW/RD:pra

## NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on October 11, 2006, its intention to amend Board Rule 6Gx13- 5A-1.10, Attendance Areas 2006-2007, at its meeting of November 21, 2006.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** To establish procedures allowing the Superintendent of Schools, with the assistance of School Operations and the Office of School Facilities, to develop proposed boundary recommendations that are reviewed by the Attendance Boundary Committee. This will result in redefining the current process through which attendance zones are established for elementary and secondary schools.

**SUMMARY:** Thirty-nine thousand (39,000) student stations have been added in the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years and an additional 53,700 student stations will be built over the next two years. The student stations are being built to relieve overcrowding, to be compliance with constitutional requirements related to Class Size Reduction, and to eliminate relocatable/portable classrooms. This rule will ensure that appropriate relief is given to the intended schools.

**SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED:** 1001.41(1)(2); 1001.42(22); 1001.43(10) F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC:** 1001.42(4)(a)(6) F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING of November 21, 2006, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Administration Building, School Board Auditorium, 1450 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), F.S., were requested to do so in writing by November 6, 2006, to the Superintendent of Schools, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED RULE is available at cost to the public for inspection and copying in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Originator: Dr. Kathleen Caballero  
Supervisor: Mr. Freddie Woodson  
Date: September 27, 2006

Attendance**ATTENDANCE AREAS ~~2006-2007~~ 2007-2008 and 2008-2009**

~~Regional Superintendents are~~ The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for proposing attendance areas for the district schools, ~~in their respective Regional Center.~~ The ~~Regional Superintendents of Schools~~ will be assisted in this task by School Operations, the Office of School Facilities, and the Attendance Boundary Committee.

To comply with the mandate of Class Size Reduction the Office of School Facilities and School Operations will provide the Attendance Boundary Committee and the community with attendance boundaries for schools opening in 2007-2008 and 2008-2009. Community and Attendance Boundary Committee meetings will be held to present the attendance boundaries are established for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.

The Attendance Boundary Committee will take the following factors into consideration when ~~making decisions~~ reviewing proposed attendance areas regarding school boundaries: compliance with Class Size Reduction Mandate, impact on exceptional student education programs, use of available student stations within contiguous areas, degree and extent of transportation, programmatic impact due to lack of student housing, reduction of the number of schools students must attend, integrity of feeder systems, assignment of students from new residential developments to specific schools prior to completion of developments, construction of new schools, promotion and maintenance of diverse school enrollments, and prevention, reduction or elimination of racial isolation to the extent practicable.

~~Also, s~~Staff in School Operations, Office of School Facilities, Information Technology Services, Department of Transportation, Research Services, Civil Rights and Diversity Compliance, Office of School Facilities, and Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration and Community Services will ~~make student population studies and~~ assist the Superintendent of Schools in providing data, analyzing proposed attendance areas ~~submitted by the Regional Centers and in preparing~~ recommendations for submission to the Board.

The Board-approved school attendance zones for the current school year are contained in the following documents:

1. **Attendance Zones Previously Approved by the Board - 2005-2006**
2. **Attendance Zone Recommendations and Related Administrative Actions - 2006-2007**

Copies of these documents are incorporated by reference in this rule and made a part hereof. They are on file in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and in the Citizen Information Center.

Specific Authority: 1001.41(1)(2); 1001.42(22); 1001.43(10), F.S.  
Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 1001.42(4)(a)(6), F.S.

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